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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claim 10 has been amended to correct minor infelicities. No new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,463,427 issued to *Wu*. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Wu* in view of *Peiya Liu*. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Office Action rejected independent Claim 1 by citing a procedure described in *Wu* for creating a distinct database for each object type. Claim 1 recites, "if a particular modification identified in the manifest relates to an object not on the list of objects within the mobile data store, altering the manifest to reflect that the particular modification is associated with an add event for the object not on the list of objects." The limitations recited in Claim 1 are significantly different from the procedure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action.

The procedure in *Wu* is directed to the creation of a distinct database for each object type. A predefined set of properties is supported for each object type, and each of the databases is assigned a name by the application programs creating the object. *Wu* does not disclose anything about "altering the manifest to reflect that the particular modification is associated with an add event for the object not on the list of objects" as recited in Claim 1. Thus, the *Wu* procedure is different and, more significantly, does not anticipate the method as recited in Applicants' Claim 1. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention recited in independent Claim 1 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

The Office Action rejected independent Claims 11 and 18 by citing the same procedure in *Wu* that was used to reject Claim 1. Claim 11 recites, "if a record in the manifest corresponds to an object that is not in the sync state table, altering the action associated with the corresponding object to an add event." Claim 18 recites, "including in the sync state table any objects identified in the manifest with an action other than a delete action."

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As discussed above, *Wu* merely describes a procedure for creating a distinct database for each object type. *Wu* does not disclose "altering the action associated with the corresponding object to an add event," or "including in the sync state table any objects identified in the manifest with an action other than a delete action." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by independent Claims 11 and 18 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 2 recites, "passing the altered manifest including the add event to a mobile device on which resides the mobile data store." The limitations recited in Claim 2 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches a signature property that serves as a unique identifier of properties and values within an object. *Wu* does not disclose "passing the altered manifest including the add event to a mobile device on which resides the mobile data store." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 2 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 3 recites, "the altered manifest includes modifications that describe add events..." The limitations recited in Claim 3 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches a list of objects to be searched for changes and deletions. *Wu* does not disclose an "altered manifest includes modifications that describe add events..." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 3 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 4 recites, "add events...[that] describe actions to be performed on objects that reside in the mobile data store." The limitations recited in Claim 4 are significantly different from the disclosure of Figures 5 and 6 in *Wu* as cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches synchronization of information stored in object stores on a desktop computer and a mobile device. A list of objects to be searched for changes and deletions is obtained during synchronization. *Wu* does not disclose "add events...[that] describe actions to be performed on objects that reside in the mobile data store." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 4 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 5 recites, "the manifest, prior to being altered, does not contain a modification that describes an add event, and wherein the altered manifest contains at least one

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modification that describes an add event." The limitations recited in Claim 5 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches that a signature value will consistently be the same if no changes have occurred to properties of the object which are to be synchronized. *Wu* does not disclose "the manifest, prior to being altered, does not contain a modification that describes an add event, and wherein the altered manifest contains at least one modification that describes an add event." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 5 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

As discussed above, Independent Claim 1 is allowable. Thus, Dependent Claims 6 and 7 are allowable for at least the same reasons that Claim 1 allowable, and notice to that effect is solicited.

Claim 13 recites, "passing the manifest with the altered record to the second data store." The limitations recited in Claim 13 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches a reference store that provides a mapping between instances of objects stored in an object store on a mobile device and objects stored on a desktop computer. *Wu* does not disclose "passing the manifest with the altered record to the second data store." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 13 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 19 recites, "for any object identified in the manifest but which was not identified in the sync state table, associating an add event in the manifest with those objects." The limitations recited in Claim 19 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches that a single database is used for all object types. Objects are uniquely identified by object identifiers which are independent of names assigned by application programs creating the object. *Wu* does not disclose "for any object identified in the manifest but which was not identified in the sync state table, associating an add event in the manifest with those objects." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 19 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

Claim 20 recites, "passing the manifest including the associated add events to the second data store." The limitations recited in Claim 20 are significantly different from the disclosure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action. *Wu* teaches synchronizing objects stored in first and

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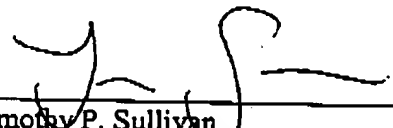
second object stores. *Wu* does not disclose "passing the manifest including the associated add events to the second data store." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the invention taught by Claim 20 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by *Wu* and is allowable.

As discussed above, Independent Claims 1, 11 and 18 are allowable. Thus, Dependent Claims 2-10, 12-17, 19 and 20 are allowable for at least the same reasons that the base claims on which they rely are allowable, and notice to that effect is solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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